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: Filed: September 30, 1999)
: For: INFORMATION PROCESSING) March 3, 2000
: APPARATUS ENABLING)
: ELECTRONIC WATERMARKING)
: AND COMMUNICATION)
: NETWORK CONNECTABLE TO)
: SUCH INFORMATION)
: PROCESSING APPARATUS)

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is
directed to the following copending U.S. patent application:

| <u>Appln. No.</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> | <u>Group Art Unit</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of the cited U.S. application is enclosed.

Applicants submit that no fee is required for consideration of this information since, to the best of their knowledge, no Office Action has been mailed. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees necessary for consideration of this information to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner.

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